

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

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For:	IMAGE PROCESSING METHOD AND APPARATUS, AND IMAGE SENSING APPARATUS		

**AMENDMENT UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.111**

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Sir:

This paper responds to the non-final Office Action of December 14, 2006, for which a three month shortened statutory period of time for response expired March 14, 2007. Applicants submit herewith a Petition and Fee for a one month extension of time.

Applicants respectfully request reconsideration in view of the herein presented amendments and remarks.

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

**Remarks/Arguments** begin on page 8 of this paper.